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--- LOCAL COMMERCIAL SPECIALISTS: MAY 5-9, 1975

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1. NEITHER DEPARTMENT OF STATE WHICH MAINTAINS NO CENTRAL RECORD OF FSLs OR DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE STAFFING RECORDS NOR OTHER INFORMATION SOURCES AVAILABLE INDICATE COMMERCIAL FSLs IN USINT SECTION. REGRET YOU DID NOT LEARN OF BEIRUT SEMINAR IN TIME TO NOMINATE FSLs CITED IN REFTEL.

2. PERHAPS THE FSI LOCAL EMPLOYEE TRAINING PROGRAM OFFERED IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE WILL PROVIDE A SUITABLE DEVELOPMENTAL OPPORTUNITY. FUNDS PERMITTING, THE FOREIGN SERVICE INSTITUTE AND COMMERCE TRAIN IN THE U.S. 2 TO 3 GROUPS ANNUALLY OF FS LOCAL EMPLOYEES ENGAGED IN ECONOMIC/COMMERCIAL ACTIVITIES. THIS PROVIDES AT LEAST ONE-WEEK CONSULTATION IN WASHINGTON AND FOUR WEEKS OF WORKING VISITS TO COMMERCE DISTRICT OFFICES TO GAIN FIRST HAND KNOWLEDGE OF AMERICAN INDUSTRY.

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3. PARTICIPANTS MUST BE FLUENT IN ENGLISH AND HAVE DE-

MONSTRATED SUPERIOR PERFORMANCE. A MAXIMUM OF 8 FSLs WILL BE SELECTED FROM NEAR EAST POSTS IN LATE FY 76.

4. A PACKET OF READINGS AND REFERENCE MATERIALS DISTRIBUTED AT THE BEIRUT SEMINAR WILL BE AIR POUCHED FOR USE OF POST COMMERCIAL LOCAL EMPLOYEES.

5. IN THE FUTURE THE POST WILL BE KEPT INFORMED OF UPCOMING SEMINAR EVENTS. KISSINGER

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